

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 6th MARCH 2018 AT 6.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor D. Mitchell, Cathaoirleach
Councillors T. Fortune, N. Lawless, G. McLoughlin, G. Walsh & J. Whitmore

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Mr. R. O’Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Mr. E. Forristal, Executive Engineer, Greystones Municipal District
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

At the outset the District Administrator welcomed staff members from the Greystones MD office who were sitting in on the meeting.

A vote of sympathy was proposed to the families of Justin Thomas and Angela Wynne who died recently and it was agreed that letters of condolences be sent to the families.

In response to a query from the members, the Cathaoirleach advised that Irish Rail representatives had not yet replied to his request to meet with them to discuss his transport plan.

Members commended and thanked all the Council staff, Civil Defence and Ambulance personnel involved in clearing roads, etc. during the recent severe weather.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor G. McLoughlin and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 30th January 2018, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Councillor J. Whitmore proposed that Councillor N. Lawless be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the remainder of the current term and this was seconded by Councillor T. Fortune.

As there were no other proposals, Councillor Lawless was deemed elected.

3. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER’S REPORT

The District circulated his report on works to the members and answered their queries regarding same.

The District Administrator pointed out that the 2018 Schedule of Municipal District Works would be considered at the March meeting and advised that members should submit any proposals in advance of that meeting for consideration.

Following discussion, it was agreed to refer the following to Wicklow County Council for attention:

- Ponding under arch at south beach
- Footpath improvements at Glenbrook Park, Delgany
- Pedestrian access from Hillside to Church Lane
- New speed limit signs, especially at Windgates
- Erection of speed limit signs on Delgany by-pass
- Removal of kerbing at Beechwood Park, Kilcoole

4. 2018 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The District Administrator informed the members that arrangements for the parade were progressing well and she stressed the need for stewards to help with the parade. She advised that the presentation of awards to winners would take place in the Civic Offices on Thursday 29th March from 7 – 8 p.m.

The District Administrator also informed the members that approximately twenty five people, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, were travelling over from Holyhead in Wales for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. She outlined the need for members to entertain the visitors and to mark the visit in some way.

Following discussion it was agreed to hold a reception for the visitors in Greystones Golf Club, if available, or a local restaurant, on Friday 16th March. It was also agreed to make a small presentation to the Mayor to mark the visit.

5. 2018 PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The District Administrator informed the members that the 2018 Greystones Municipal District People of the Year Awards would be held on Thursday 24th May in Greystones Golf Club.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whitmore:

“That Greystones Municipal District repairs and repaints the pedestrian crossing opposite the Church in Kilcoole as it is currently difficult for drivers to see and is dangerous for pedestrians”.

The District Engineer informed the members that the Council had sought tenders for repainting all the pedestrian crossing lines in the District. He also pointed out that it was proposed to have the ramp at Kilcoole NS removed as a condition of the planning permission granted for the new school buildings there.

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor G. Walsh:

“I wish to bring Councils attention to the apparent escalation of incidents of dog fouling between the Harbour and South Beach area of Greystones. This scourge is getting worse as some dogs are constantly being allowed to roam free and foul, being ignored by owners who display blatant disregard for others enjoyment of local amenities, with the area in question littered in places with dog faeces. It has become a serious public health issue which exposes children in particular to disease. I would ask that this Council look at focusing a hard hitting awareness campaign in order to get the message across that this type of disgusting behaviour is not acceptable. I also request the figures for the number of litter fine notices pertaining to dog fouling issued in the district over the last six months”.

The District Administrator informed the members of the contents of a report received from the Waste Management Section of Wicklow County Council in relation to this motion which she agreed to circulate.

Following discussion it was suggested that the local TD’s be asked to lobby for stronger legislation to deal with this problem. It was also suggested that the Environment Section of Wicklow County Council be asked to devise a campaign for local schools in an effort to encourage school children to educate their parents in relation to the issue and that additional signage be provided.

(c) Motion in the name of Councillors J. Whitmore & N. Lawless:

“In light of the consistent and frequent reports of slippery driving conditions at the Southern Cross Roundabout (particularly following rain), that the Greystones Municipal District request that the Bray Municipal District investigate road conditions at this location”.

Some members had raised this issue with Bray Municipal District and were unhappy with the response they received.

Following discussion it was agreed to ask Bray Municipal District to have the road surface tested for skid resistance

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator informed the members that Templecarrig Secondary School was seeking permission to hold a ‘sleep out’ to raise funds for Tiglin on Saturday 21st April 2018 in Burnaby Park, Greystones. She pointed out that the event would be supervised and that the Council would be indemnified. She stated that the students would use the toilet in the south beach car park and that the Tiglin No Bucks Café Bus would provide refreshments. This was agreed.
2. The District Administrator informed the members that substantial damage had been caused to a number of boats and the marina in Holyhead, Wales during the recent storm Emma. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Holyhead to wish them well with the remediation works.

3. The District Administrator informed the members that the residents of a small cul de sac off New Road in Greystones had sought permission to rename their road 'Monterey Road' (Bóthar Monterey).

Following discussion it was agreed to approve this name change and to advise the Roads Section of Wicklow County Council of this approval so that the matter could be progressed.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Following a request from the Greystones Outdoors group to use one of the fisherman's huts at the harbour, it was agreed to consider this request, and other similar requests, at the March meeting.
2. It was agreed that Stephen Kavanagh be invited to make a presentation on the new Greystones website to the members at the March meeting.
3. Following discussion it was agreed to request the Housing Section of Wicklow County Council to provide a report for the March meeting in relation to litter, etc. at the traveller accommodation site at Windgates.
4. It was further agreed to discuss the issue of overnight parking of camper vans at the Seafront during summer months at the March meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2018.